

12. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, in which the at least one transistor switching unit is switched off at a prescribed threshold value as a function of the current flowing through it.

Please add the following claims:

--13. The method as claimed in claim 10, in which the at least one transistor switching unit is switched off at a prescribed threshold value as a function of the current flowing through it.--

--14. The method as claimed in claim 9, in which the at least one transistor switching unit is switched off at a prescribed threshold value as a function of the current flowing through it.--